

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5, 8-18 and 20-21 remain active in this application, Claims 1, 4, 8, 9, 10, 15, and 20 having been amended and Claims 6, 7, 19 and 22 canceled by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action Claim 4 was rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite; Claims 1-3 and 13, 15-17 and 20 were rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Dervisoglu (U.S. Patent No. 6,687,865 B1); Claims 5, 18 and 21 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dervisoglu; and Claims 6-12, 14, 19 and 22 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but otherwise allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that Claims 6-12, 14, 19 and 22 include allowable subject matter. In light of this indication, and in order to expedite issuance of a patent from the present application, Claims 1, 15 and 20 have been amended to include the features stated in Claims 6, 19 and 22, respectively, thereby effectively placing Claims 6, 15 and 22 in independent form. In view of these changes, the outstanding grounds for rejection are believed to have been overcome.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are outstanding, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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